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MUNICIPAL BOROUGH  
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ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR

1966





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## Preface to the Report

District Health Office  
County Health Department  
Merlins Hill  
Haverfordwest.

August, 1967

To:~His Worship The Mayor,  
Aldermen and Members of  
the Haverfordwest Borough  
Council.

Mr Mayor, Madam and Gentlemen,

We present the Annual Report for the year 1966, details will be found in the body of the Report. The following is a summary of special items:-

### Population

The estimated population of the Borough continued to rise during the year, and now represents a 23% increase since 1947.

### Births.

The number of live births increased over the previous year, showing a considerably higher birth-rate. The Borough birth-rate has been consistently higher than the National rate over the past 12 years.

1966 showed reductions in both Still births, and Illegitimate births.

### Mortality.

The General death-rate was lower than the previous year, and well below the National death-rate.

There was quite a big reduction in the number of deaths due to Cancer, and the Borough Cancer death-rate compares very favourably with the National rate.

For the first year since 1948 no Infant deaths were registered in the Borough.

For the 3rd successive year no deaths were attributed to Tuberculosis.

On the other hand there was quite an increase in deaths attributed to accidents.

### Infectious Diseases.

The number of infectious diseases notified during the year was exceptionally low. A summary of Immunisations and Vaccinations carried out in the Western Combined area is given on page 9. The percentage of infants & children protected against the major infectious diseases, in the area, is higher than most parts of the United Kingdom.

### Housing.

Housing needs within the Borough have been largely met. There is still a number of low category & sub-standard dwellings to be dealt with either individually or in block. The future Council housing programme should be planned taking several factors into account e.g. marriage rate, demand, private building, and the position with regard to the Admiralty sites.





### Sewerage & Sewage Disposal.

Considerable progress was made on the Borough Drainage scheme during the year. When completed it should greatly enhance the standard of hygiene and amenity.

### Public Conveniences.

These are primarily intended to meet the needs of visitors to the Borough i.e. tourists and shoppers. Facilities should therefore be available at point of entry - bus terminals and car parks.

### Water Supply.

The water supply to the Borough has been satisfactory both in regard to quantity and quality.

### Food Control & Food Hygiene Regulations.

There were few complaints during the year in respect of contaminated or inferior foods. No cases of food-poisoning were notified.

Several food premises still fall short of 100% compliance with regulations.

### General Hygiene & Sanitation.

There are no major sanitary problems in the Borough. Some improvement in street cleaning could be effected.

### Conclusion.

We wish to thank the members of the Council for their continued support and co-operation in the field of public health, and the other officers of the Council for their assistance.

we remain,

Your obedient servants,

W.J.Y.Speedy  
Medical Officer of Health.

D.B.Evans  
Public Health Inspector.

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D.A. Evans  
Public Health Inspector.



CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES 1966/67  
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<u>His Worship The Mayor:</u>	Councillor. Canon Richard. E. Williams.
<u>Deputy Mayor:</u>	Councillor. T. G. Parry.
<u>Sheriff:</u>	Councillor. Griff Morgan. O. St. J., FCIS.
<u>Chairman - Housing Committee:</u>	Alderman. C. B. James.
<u>Chairman - Public Health Committee:</u>	Councillor. Griff Morgan. O. St. J., FCIS.
<u>Chairman - Finance Committee:</u>	Councillor. W. S. Hayden.
<u>Chairman - Borough Committee:</u>	Alderman. E. F. Foster. O. B. E., T. D., D. L.
<u>Chairman - Parks &amp; Cemeteries Committee:</u>	Councillor. E. Smart.

Other Members of the Council.

Alderman. J. A. Harries. J. P.  
Alderman. Colin T. Price.  
Councillor. T. H. Arran.  
Councillor. D. J. Evans.  
Councillor. J. F. Green. T. D.  
Councillor. Mrs. A. M. Oliver.  
Councillor. Mrs. C. M. Cole.  
Councillor. R. C. Davies.  
Councillor. W. R. Thomas.

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OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

		Date of Appointment.
<u>Town Clerk and Solicitor:</u>	R.Ivor Rees.	23.10.45
<u>Deputy Town Clerk:</u>	H.E.Davies.	1. 1.62
<u>Borough Surveyor &amp; Engineer:</u>	J.B.Hemingway.F.R.I.C.S. M.I.Mun.E.,M.R.S.H.	1.10.47
<u>Deputy Surveyor &amp; Engineer:</u>	H.Ivor Thomas.A.M.I.Mun.E.	1. 3.47
<u>Borough Treasurer:</u>	F.R.Lowther.F.C.A.	1.2.24
<u>Public Health Inspector:</u>	D.B.Evans.M.A.P.H.I.	20.6.38
<u>Medical Officer of Health:</u>	Dr.W.J.Y.Speedy.M.B.,B.Ch., L.R.C.P.&S.,L.R.F.P.&S., D.P.H.	1.10.47

GENERAL INFORMATION

Offices: Town Clerk and Public Health Department.

Picton House, 2 Picton Place. Haverfordwest

Borough Surveyor: Old Grove House.  
St Thomas Green.  
Haverfordwest.

Borough Treasurer: Old Council Chambers.  
St Mary Street  
Haverfordwest.

Telephone: All Departments. Haverfordwest 3771.

Medical Officer of Health. District Health Office  
County Health Department  
Merlins Hill  
Haverfordwest.

Telephone: Haverfordwest 3345. Private Haverfordwest 3251.

Population Mid 1966: 9,300

Acreage: 1,420

Rateable value as at 1.4.67: £371.340

Rate 1963/64	=	12.4d in £
" 1964/65	=	13.2d in £
" 1965/66	=	14.10d in £
" 1966/67	=	16.0d in £
" 1967/68	=	16.0d in £

Estimated product of 1d rate 1967/68 = £1,430.

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PART I

VITAL STATISTICS

and

EPIDEMIOLOGY





## SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

General Birth-rate	.....	21.9/1000 population
General Death-rate	.....	9.2/1000 population
Infant Mortality Rate	.....	Nil
Cancer Death-rate	.....	1.9/1000 population
Tuberculosis Death-rate	.....	Nil.

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## Population Table.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Population.</u>	<u>Natural Increase</u>
1947	..... 7,156	..... 104
1948	..... 7,220	..... 46
1949	..... 7,300	..... 37
1950	..... 7,380	..... 37
1951	..... 7,255	..... 31
1952	..... 7,284	..... 36
1953	..... 7,500	..... 159
1954	..... 7,600	..... 41
1955	..... 7,890	..... 82
1956	..... 7,940	..... 99
1957	..... 8,210	..... 100
1958	..... 8,230	..... 101
1959	..... 8,310	..... 121
1960	..... 8,390	..... 120
1961	..... 8,690	..... 110
1962	..... 8,710	..... 82
1963	..... 8,730	..... 79
1964	..... 8,870	..... 107
1965	..... 9,010	..... 97
1966	..... 9,300	..... 118

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BIRTHS & BIRTH-RATES.  
Classification of Births.

	<u>Live.</u>			<u>Still.</u>		
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate ..	95	98	193	1	0	1
Illegitimate..	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total..	99	105	204	1	0	1

General Birth-rates

General Birth-rate for Borough 1966 = 21.9/1000 population  
 " " " " Pembrokeshire = 18.8 " "  
 " " " " England & Wales = 17.7 " "

Still Birth-rate

Still Birth-rate for Borough 1966 = 4.8/1000 total births.  
 " " " " Pembrokeshire = 20.1 " "  
 " " " " England & Wales = 18.4 " "

Comparative Birth-table

Year.	<u>Live Births.</u>		<u>Birth</u>	<u>Still</u>		<u>Illegitimate</u>
			<u>rate.</u>	<u>births.</u>		<u>births</u>
1948	...	139	.. 19.6	3	..	13
1949	...	131	.. 18.2	2	..	3
1950	...	125	.. 16.9	3	..	5
1951	...	117	.. 16.1	1	..	3
1952	...	119	.. 16.3	8	..	4
1953	...	140	.. 17.8	2	..	7
1954	...	143	.. 17.6	8	..	10
1955	...	160	.. 18.7	1	..	5
1956	...	180	.. 20.9	1	..	9
1957	...	185	.. 20.5	4	..	2
1958	...	192	.. 21.2	3	..	6
1959	...	213	.. 26.2	4	..	5
1960	...	213	.. 25.3	8	..	2
1961	...	221	.. 26.3	6	..	3
1962	...	197	.. 30.3	4	..	8
1963	...	196	.. 20.2	5	..	10
1964	...	195	.. 21.8	3	..	9
1965	...	195	.. 18.5	2	..	14
1966	...	204	.. 21.9	1	..	11

Average No. Live births 1948/66 = 172  
 " " Still births " = 3½  
 " " Illegitimate births " = 6½





DEATHS & MORTALITY STATISTICS.

Classification of deaths.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
Diseases of Heart & Circulatory System	...	20	10	30
Diseases of Brain & Nervous System	...	7	10	17
Cancer (all forms)	...	7	11	18
Diseases of Respiratory System	...	4	3	7
Diseases of Kidneys & Urinary System	...	4	0	4
Diseases of Digestive system	...	1	1	2
Diseases of the Blood	...	0	1	1
Accidental & Violent deaths	...	5	2	7
Total	=	...	48	38
				86

General death-rates.

General death-rate for Borough 1966 = 9.2/1000 population  
" " " " Pembrokeshire = 12.5 " "  
" " " " England & Wales = 11.7 " "

Deaths in age-groups:-

0 - 1 years	= Nil	30 - 50 years	= 5
1 - 15 "	= 1	50 - 70 "	= 39
15 - 30 "	= 2	70+ "	= 39

Cancer Mortality  
Classification.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
Abdominal	.....	2	1	3
Respiratory	.....	3	0	3
Others	.....	3	9	12
Total =		8	10	18

Cancer death-rate

Cancer death-rate for Borough 1966 = 1.9/1000 population  
" " " " England & Wales = 2.2 " "

Accidental & Violent deaths  
Classification.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
Road Accidents	.....	1	0	1
Exposure	.....	1	0	1
Home accidents	.....	1	1	2
Flying accident	.....	1	0	1
Drowning	.....	1	0	1
Suicide	.....	0	1	1
Total		5	2	7

Infant mortality.

Nil during the year.

Tuberculosis mortality.

Nil during the year.



COMPARATIVE MORTALITY TABLE.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Death</u> <u>rate.</u>	<u>Cancer</u> <u>deaths.</u>	<u>Accidental</u> <u>deaths.</u>	<u>Infant</u> <u>deaths.</u>	<u>Tuberculosis</u> <u>deaths.</u>
1948 ..	12.8	15	2	5	4
1949 ..	12.9	13	3	3	3
1950 ..	11.9	17	3	4	4
1951 ..	11.9	14	4	3	4
1952 ..	11.3	14	2	3	0
1953 ..	10.8	17	3	1	3
1954 ..	13.5	21	8	4	1
1955 ..	8.9	14	3	1	9
1956 ..	10.9	16	3	4	0
1957 ..	11.5	8	1	2	0
1958 ..	11.6	18	9	2	0
1959 ..	11.6	18	3	6	0
1960 ..	11.1	13	5	6	0
1961 ..	13.2	23	6	3	0
1962 ..	13.0	29	4	0	0
1963 ..	13.3	17	2	3	1
1964 ..	10.4	11	2	2	1
1965 ..	10.9	25	2	3	0
1966 ..	9.2	18	7	0	0
Average Death-rate 1948/66			= 11.6		
" No. Cancer deaths "			= 17		
" No. Accidental Deaths "			= 4		
" No. Infant deaths "			= 3		
" No. Tuberculosis Deaths			= 1		





### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following Infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Measles	=	37
Whooping cough	=	6
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	=	2

### Immunisations & Vaccinations.

The following is a summary of Immunisations and Vaccinations in the Combined Western Districts for 1966.

		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Boosters</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Diphtheria	.....	1,095	1,335	2,430
Whooping Cough	.....	1,089	-	1,089
Tetanus	.....	1,095	1,075	2,170
Poliomyelitis	.....	1,350	820	2,170
Smallpox	.....	525	76	601
Tuberculosis	.....	654	-	654
Yellow Fever	.....	178	-	178
Cholera	.....	25	-	25
Plague	.....	Nil	Nil	Nil

### Mass Radiography Service.

#### Summary of attendances for Western Districts.

##### General population.

Haverfordwest	.....	1,333
Milford Haven and Hakin	.....	1,057
Fishguard & Goodwick	.....	281
Rural Areas	.....	214
Industrial	.....	125
Total		----- 3,010

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PART II

ENVIRONMENTAL

HYGIENE



# HOUSING

## (a) Post War Council Houses Completions.

Prebabricated completed 1946-47.				50++
Permanent Houses completed in 1948.				20
"	"	"	" 1949.	42
"	"	"	" 1950.	36
"	"	"	" 1951.	47
"	"	"	" 1952.	103
"	"	"	" 1953.	130
"	"	"	" 1954.	93
"	"	"	" 1955.	101
"	"	"	" 1956.	43
"	"	"	" 1957.	30
"	"	"	" 1958.	10
"	"	"	" 1959.	2
"	"	"	" 1960.	46
"	"	"	" 1961.	14
"	"	"	" 1962.	10
"	"	"	" 1963.	Nil
"	"	"	" 1964.	37
"	"	"	" 1965.	10
"	"	"	" 1966.	<u>36</u>

TOTAL NUMBER OF POST WAR HOUSES COMPLETED 860

++ 18 Prefabricated have been demolished and  
 2 are not used for housing (unfit) = 20  
840  
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## (b) The total number of dwelling now owned by the Corporation is as follows:-

(i) Pre-War dwellings	....	....	248
(ii) Post-War dwellings	....	....	840 (nett)
(iii) Miscellaneous	....	....	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	+		<u>1095</u> -----





Housing Cont.

(a) Council Houses in course of erection  
at 31st December, 1966 ..... 207

(b) Private houses completed in 1966.... 23

Private houses in course of erection  
at 31st December, 1966..... 13

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - DISCRETIONARY AT 31ST DECEMBER 1966

	<u>1954/62.</u>	<u>63.</u>	<u>64.</u>	<u>65.</u>	<u>66.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
(a) No. of applications received.	205	10	23	14	17	269
(b) No. rejected, withdrawn or deferred.	44	5	5	3	2	59
(c) No. not commenced.	49	-	10	4	5	16
(d) No. in progress.	94	14	22	19	22	22
(e) No. completed.	136	5	11	10	10	172

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - STANDARD AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1966

	<u>1954/62.</u>	<u>63.</u>	<u>64.</u>	<u>65.</u>	<u>66.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
(a) No. of applications received.	11	3	9	3	5	31
(b) No. rejected, withdrawn or deferred.	3	2	-	-	1	6
(c) No. not commenced.	2	-	1	2	4	4
(d) No. in progress.	-	1	1	-	1	1
(e) No. completed.	8	1	8	2	1	20

Applications for Housing as at 31st December, 1966.

1 Bedroom dwellings	.....	11
2 Bedroom dwellings	.....	79
3 Bedroom dwellings	.....	53
4 Bedroom dwellings	.....	4
Old Peoples bungalows	.....	38
Total	=	185
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### MILK SUPPLIES

Registration of Vendors and Sampling carried out by the Pembrokeshire County Council.

Two known sources of unpasteurised milk were sold in the Borough. Samples of both supplies were taken and submitted for analysis. All samples were Negative on the Brucella Abortus ring test, and also Negative on the Guinea Pig test.

Three cafe premises retail milk for use as milk shakes. one of these sell raw milk, the other two pasteurised milk.

One Mini-market sells pasteurised milk.

Two milk vending machines now sell pasteurised milk.

### WATER SUPPLIES.

The supply of water to the Borough is the responsibility of the Pembrokeshire Water Board who carry out routine sampling.

The Public Health Department do some general bacteriological sampling, results for the year are as follows:-

Satisfactory	=	13	
Doubtful	=	Nil	
Unsatisfactory	=	Nil	Total = 13.

All houses in the Borough have piped water supply, but many of the older type houses have water taps in the yard.

In addition to above sampling, Water sampling was carried out from the Haverfordwest Grammar School Swimming Pool.

### FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS.

Premises on Register	=	88
No of Inspections	=	Nil
No of written notices	=	Nil
No of prosecutions	=	Nil



# FOOD CONTROL

## Food Stuffs Condemned.

### Fruit.

Fruit Cocktail.	13 = 15lbs 7ozs.
Grapefruit Juice.	13 = 21lbs 6ozs.
" "	2 = 8 qts 5fl ozs
Pineapples	7 = 7lbs 3ozs
"	5 = 33lbs 8ozs
Fruit Salad	17 = 42lbs 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs
Grapefruit Segments	18 = 23lbs 15ozs
"	4 = 27lbs
Apricots	3 = 5lbs 7ozs
Peaches	33 = 49lbs 13ozs
Oranges Mandarin	9 = 12lbs 6ozs
Gooseberries	1 = 15ozs
Orange Juice	2 = 1qt. 18fl ozs
Rhubarb	2 = 21lbs 6ozs
Golden Figs	1 = 6lbs 12ozs
Pears	22 = 30lbs 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs
Loganberries	1 = 16ozs
Blackberries	1 = 6lb 10 ozs
Blackcurrants	2 = 13lbs 12ozs
Apples	4 = 22lbs 14ozs
Melons	36 melons

Fresh Fruit. Pears 10 boxes 400lbs.

### Tinned Meat

Ham	18 = 61bs 10ozs
Luncheon	7 = 5lbs 4ozs
"	1 = 7ozs
"	3 = 11 lbs 4ozs
Corned beef	18 = 12lbs 14ozs
"	1 = 6lbs
Tongue	5 = 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
Minced Beef Loaf	1 = 12ozs
Spam	1 = 7ozs
Chopped Pork	2 = 8lbs

### Milk and Cream.

Cream	4 = 11b 8ozs
Milk	13 = 21 pts.
Cheese	8 cartons.

### Fish

Pilchards	12 = 11 lbs 6ozs
Salmon	4 = 30ozs
Sild	3 = 3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Two tins frozen	42lbs

### Vegetables

Tomatoes	33 = 47lbs 9ozs
Beetroot	1 = 7ozs
Butterbeans	4 = 3lb 14ozs
Tomato Paste	6 = 11 lbs 1oz
Beans	3 = 3lb 4ozs
Soups	4 = 3lbs 12ozs
Stew	2 = 1 lb 15ozs
Peas	20 = 14lbs 13ozs
Carrots	3 = 20lbs 7ozs
Spaghetti	1 = 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs
Broad Beans	2 = 13lbs 4ozs





## Food Stuffs condemned (cont)

### Fresh Meat Cured.

3lbs mild cured bacon.

1 x 10lbs Pigs kidney.

1 x 2 lbs. 12ozs Smoked Short back.

9lbs bacon.

11 x 26lbs bacon.

19 Frozen chickens - defrosting & decomposition.

1 box 5 chickens 4/12 each. Mould due to bad refrigeration etc.

37 Turkeys estimated weight 12lbs each.

12 Tongues (bacon)

3 Saddle mutton.

1 1/2 lbs sliced shoulder (cooked)

3 chickens 4lbs 14ozs - black mould.

2 chickens 4lbs 14ozs

One unsound food case was dealt with by prosecution. The prosecution related to mouldy pies, the offending firm pleaded guilty. Notwithstanding the precautions taken by the producing firm, the delivery men ignored the rules laid down and the offences were committed. The firm was fined £20.

Many chickens were condemned following seizure from deep freeze units in shops. The condemnation was due to dirty killing practices and incorrect refrigeration and storage conditions.

A quantity of poultry was condemned due to a breakdown in the refrigeration plant.

A quantity of frozen foods were condemned following the flooding of a basement premises.

## ICE-CREAM

Majority of Ice-cream consumed is nationally pre-packed, there are however three types produced in the County. The following is a summary of general bacteriological sampling results during the year:-

Grade I (Highly Satisfactory)	=	22
Grade II (Satisfactory)	=	1
Grade III (Doubtful)	=	1
Grade IV (Unsatisfactory)	=	Nil
Total = 24.		

Retailers = 47 (5 of whom are new)

Producer Retailers = 2

Total = 49

In addition to the above one soft ice-cream produced on premises of a mini market.

## MINERAL WATERS.

One Mineral Water Factory, this Factory is reasonably well maintained.

Although these premises are near to the refuse tip, no nuisance arises from flies. The coolness of the premises would account for this. The water supply is taken from the Borough Mains.

## LIQUID EGG PASTEURISATION

None produced in the Borough as there is no Egg grading station.





### Food Control (cont)

#### Fish and Chip Shops

There are six of these in the Borough. Routine inspections are made of these premises. Several verbal warnings were given to one of the producers. No formal notices were issued.

#### Bake-houses.

There are 7 bakehouses in the Borough. Annual routine inspections are made of all premises.

Complaints re contamination were all dealt with by informal action, and all complaints were of a small nature.

#### Poultry.

There is one poultry killing & dressing station in the Borough. Many of the birds dressed at this station are for the farmer's own use. Many farmers have deep freeze units and the bed & breakfast farmhouse holiday accommodation in the country areas is increasing rapidly.

The average kill of poultry, i.e. hens & chickens is approximately 1,000 per week and approximately 5% of this total is rejected or condemned, due to thinness, poorness or possible emaciation.

Regular inspections & visits are made to these premises by Veterinary Officers from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and occasional visits by the Public Health Inspector.

The standard of hygiene in the premises is good, notwithstanding the age of the buildings. Strict attention is given to the necessary precautions to be taken to prevent spread of contagious diseases.

#### Food Poisoning

Nil to report in the Borough for the Year.

#### Abattoirs & Knackers Yards.

Nil in the Borough.

#### Local Fairs.

In addition to the usual inspections under the Food Hygiene Regulations, it is necessary to examine Food stalls at the October and May Fairs held in the Borough. Many of these comply with the Regulations.



Summary of Shops etc. (Public Health Hygiene Regulations)

No.	Type.	In compliance with Regulation 16.(see footnote)	In compliance with Regulation 19.(see footnote)
7	Bakehouses	6	7
14	Butchers	6	14
6	Fish & Chip Shops.	5	6
35	Grocers	33	33
7	Green Grocers	6	7
10	Sweet Shops	10	1
3	Wholesale Fruit	2	-
2	Wholesale Sweets	2	-
21	Wholesale Foods	2	-
43	Public Houses, Clubs & Off Licenses	24	40
4	Cafes with Table Licenses	4	4
13	Cafes without Licenses	12	12
1	Tea bar only	1	1
4	Private Hotels	4	4
8	School Canteens & Hospitals.	8	8

Regulation 16. Provision of suitable & sufficient wash hand basins for the use of all persons engaged in the handling of food.

Regulation 19. Provision of facilities for washing food and equipment used in the food premises.





GENERAL                      SANITATION  
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Rodent Control.

<u>Properties inspected.</u>	=	<u>255</u>
<u>Treatments.</u>	Mice =	188
	Rats =	<u>117</u>
Total= 305		

One Refuse Tip within the Borough is the subject of regular inspections and treatments. The infestation at this area is slight due to these regular inspections.

Whilst only one premises is classed as Agricultural on the assessment sheet, there are sixteen farms and numerous grazing lands adjoining houses which have been surveyed and treated.

Town Sewers are examined & treated twice per year.

The Rodent Operator is also employed trapping 'Feral' pigeons and insect eradication.

Refuse Collection.

During the year this service was transferred from the Borough Surveyor's department to the Public Health Department.

Many premises, those of which have an alternative means of access, have been included in a once weekly collection and further experiments are being tried.

99% of the houses in the Borough are now known to have proper refuse bins.

Refuse Disposal.

This is a very difficult problem within so small an area as the Borough. Whilst complete controlled tipping is not possible on the existing site due to inefficient machinery and a bad site, the Council have resolved to apply for loan sanction to purchase a Tracked vehicle and it is hoped that some improvement will then be made.

Street Sweeping

This is a very difficult service to maintain due to inability to recruit male staff to manually sweep streets and also the necessity for constant supervision.

The Council are considering the purchase of a mechanical street sweeping machine.

It is essential that the Council provide adequate receptacles for waste paper, this is not done in this area, consequently the Public create a grave nuisance in the present method of disposal.

Public Conveniences.

The Public conveniences, both male & female are inadequate but are now very well maintained as far as cleanliness is concerned.

No improvements have been carried out as far as the provision of washing facilities. It is understood that certain minor improvements are in hand.



## General Nuisancees.

### Noise.

Two complaints of noise nuisance have been received from people living in the area of the Police Dog kennels or Stray Dog pound. These complaints have been abated.

### Ant Infestation.

29 properties were found to be infested by Ants. This may be due to bad quality or quantity of concrete over the site during building operations.

### Cockroaches

Complaints have been dealt with following complaints of cockroach infestation.

### Flea Infestation.

An increase in the complaints of flea infestation has been received despite the treatments & disinfestation available.

### Obnoxious smells.

Complaints received regarding obnoxious smells from domestic gas leak nuisance has been dealt with by the Gas Board after investigation.

Complaints re 'fishy' smells have been dealt with. These complaints were found to be due to electric appliance plugs & switches overheating.

### Mortuaries.

The Mortuary is used jointly between the Haverfordwest Borough and the Haverfordwest Rural District Council.

Whilst the present Mortuary is well maintained, consideration should now be given to the provision of a more modern building, and also perhaps a 'chapel of rest'.

### National Assistance (Burials)

There were no burials carried<sup>out</sup>/under the National Assistance Acts during the year.

### Pet Shops.

One licensed pet shop in the Borough, routine inspection of these premises carried out. No complaints have been received concerning these premises.





Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

General inspections have been made of 75% of all the shops in the Haverfordwest Borough. The expressed hope that details of all shops would have been made during the year has not been fulfilled, possibly due to the transference to this Department, without any additional staff, of organising and supervising the refuse collection, disposal and street sweeping services. The high percentage of general inspections of shops is due to previous knowledge of many premises under the Food & Drugs Acts, and Food Hygiene Regulations.

General hygiene and sanitation was good in the shops, but little action was taken regarding the lighting of premises. When standards of lighting are laid down by law it may be possible to enforce the legislation. In recent years many shops which were examined have been modernised and therefore, comply in almost all respects with current legislation.

No complaints were received from the staffs of shops inspected.

More attention will be paid to shops other than Food premises when conditions permit. No annual analysis of persons employed during the year has been taken.

Revisits to offices and shops will be completed when possible.

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